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Today's Weather

There will be a slight increase in temperature and the winds will be northwesterly moderate. In Aqaba Gulf, the winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Overnight Low/High, Daytime High/Low. Locations include Amman, Aqaba, Deserts, Jordan Valley.

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Reagan outrages Arabs

AMMAN, June 17 (Agencies) — Reaction was uniformly critical today of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's comments at a news conference yesterday on Israel's attack against Iraq's nuclear reactor.



Above: His Majesty King Hussein addresses University of Jordan graduates Wednesday at Al Hussein Sports City. Right: The King presents a diploma to Miss Amal Haddad of Amman. (Staff photos by Youssef Al 'Allan)

The Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) accused Mr. Reagan of justifying the air raid said he was adopting the logic of the terrorist.

Mr. Reagan's spokesman Mahmoud Alhadi, asked to comment on Mr. Reagan's news conference yesterday, said: "It is a strange logic which President Reagan justifies the Israeli raid on the Iraqi nuclear reactor and considers the missiles in the Bekaa a threat to the peace of the area."

This logic is an Israeli one and the logic of terrorism (Israeli Minister Meachem).

It is regrettable that President Reagan adopts the terrorist and the logic of Begin in his aggression on the Arab Nation and the Palestinian people," Mr. Labidi.

During the news conference, Reagan reaffirmed U.S. opposition of the Israeli raid on Iraq against Iraq but said the government might have believed it was a defensive move.

Four Jordanian newspapers reported Reagan's remarks on their pages today and several published adverse comment, while the radio of both Syria and Iraq said Mr. Reagan had come to support of Israel.

The independent daily Al-Litham in its banner headline reads to the Arabs and Arabs to "The newspaper said the resident acknowledged that the Middle East required real but hesitated to take steps to solve it."

Communist daily Al-Nidafr. Reagan continued to act as a cowboy in the move his international dealings. Damascus, Syrian state radio said Mr. Reagan had come out in support of the Israeli attack on the Osirak reactor near Baghdad.

Radio adopted the home and said the U.S. "has sared its real feelings and out openly on the side of the aggressors."

Newspapers in the Arab Gulf blamed Mr. Reagan for siding with Israel against the Arabs. Abu Dhabi, all three main papers contended that Mr. Reagan was giving the green light to attacks on the Arabs who do not recognize Israel.

Mr. Reagan's spontaneous remarks placed all Arab states in a difficult position, said the paper Al-Litham in an editorial. It claimed that Washington is completely uninvolved in the air strike on Iraq's nuclear facility.

The problem does not rest on the American attitude toward the Arabs," said Al Wahda. The problem rests with the Arab attitude toward America.

He complained that the Americans were convinced that Arab will not change their attitude toward the United States if American interests in the East will not be adversely affected by any pro-Israeli action.

U.S. didn't share 'Iraqi bomb' theory

WASHINGTON, June 17 (A.P.) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration disagrees with Israel that Iraq was definitely developing atomic weapons but was concerned because Iraq eventually would have had that option, Congress was told today.

"We have not made any definitive conclusion" that Iraq was aiming at a weapons programme. Undersecretary of State Walter Stoessel testified at a House of Representatives hearing.

Steadfastness panel meets with Badran

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran received at his office today the joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee which briefed him on its efforts to support the steadfastness of the residents of the occupied Arab areas. They also exchanged views on the latest developments in the Arab and international arenas.

"So you do not agree with Israel that Iraq was making a nuclear bomb?" asked Rep. Lee Hamilton, an Indiana Democrat.

"No, we would not agree with that position by Israel," Mr. Stoessel replied. "We were not able to make a... judgment ourselves which would confirm Israel's position."

Asfour back from U.K.

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour returned here this evening from London after an official week-long visit to Britain at the invitation of the British minister of trade.

"Do you agree that Iraq ultimately sought nuclear weapons?" Rep. Hamilton asked.

"No, we have no definitive confirmation of that," Mr. Stoessel replied.

Begin, Habib to meet on missile crisis today

TEL AVIV, June 17 (A.P.) — U.S. envoy Philip Habib arrived from Damascus today to resume talks with Israel on defusing the Lebanese missile crisis.

Mr. Asfour said a Jordanian industrial delegation also was visiting Britain and had talks with private officials to discuss the possibility of implementing certain industrial projects included in Jordan's latest five-year development plan.

Mr. Habib was to meet with Prime Minister Menachem Begin tomorrow morning. He arrived aboard a U.S. government executive jet and as usual declined to answer reporters' questions.

It was the first time the envoy has been here since he suspended his shuttling May 27 and returned to Washington to brief President Ronald Reagan. He returned to the Middle East last week.

The resumption of Mr. Habib's mission shifted Israeli attention back to the simmering missile crisis after it was riveted for 10 days on the international controversy around the Israeli bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor.

Israel is demanding that Syria remove the anti-aircraft missiles it moved into the Lebanese border area seven weeks ago to hamper Israeli air intervention in fighting between Syrian and rightist forces.

On Sunday Mr. Begin told a cheering crowd at an election rally that if Mr. Habib did not get the missiles out, Israel would. "Rafal and Yanosh are ready," declared Mr. Begin, using the nicknames of Israeli generals Rafael Eitan and Avigdor Ben-Gal, the top army man involved in the missile dispute.

However, the daily Yediot Aharonot reported that Israel did not intend to limit the time at Mr. Habib's disposal, at least not until Israel's June 30 national election.

Mr. Begin's office said the premier's tough words Sunday should not be read as an ultimatum. Yediot editorialised that Israel could not accept Washington's demand for unlimited time for Mr. Habib. "One way or the other, we clearly cannot wait forever," it said.

The Soviet-made jetliner left Konya for Bucharest later today after a team of technicians repaired the damaged exit door, broken during the evacuation of the passengers yesterday.

The passengers and crew were lodged overnight in Konya in three hotels while the four injured passengers were treated at a Konya hospital, officials said.

There was nearly a 14-hour delay before the plane was searched for explosives. Anatolia quoted its pilot as saying he had just passed over Ankara when the air traffic control contacted him and told of the bomb threat.



Staff photos by Youssef Al 'Allan

University of Jordan graduation An appeal by Hussein: 'Let's unify our ranks'

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein today called on the Arab Nation to unify its ranks in the face of dangers threatening it and to resolve to regain its rights and freedom.

Addressing the 16th graduating class of the University of Jordan this afternoon at Al Hussein Youth City, the King said the struggle imposed by Zionism and imperialism on the Arabs in their greater homeland is a fateful struggle, with the enemy aiming to undermine the Arab identity, future, culture and existence.

which were the torch that guided many nations since the 12th century.

He said that since the founding of our contemporary universities, they have been the targets of the "flow of various currents and philosophies" sometimes contradictory.

"These philosophies were based on the national traditions of these countries and were the product of their economic and social conditions, responding to them and developing along with them," the King said.

"However, these philosophies are not in line with our way of life and the needs of our life, and they inflict the gravest damage on our students and on their educational and behavioural well-being," the King said.

He continued, "So far we have not had an educational philosophy based on a comprehensive outlook capable of preserving the spirit of our culture and civilisation and developing our self-strength, virtues and values without isolating us from the process of the scientific development of mankind."

King Hussein added, "We call on contemporary Arab and Islamic universities to draw up the broad lines of the university theory for the Arabs and Muslims, to clarify its principles and the foundations of its academic system, because such a theory with its philosophical, comprehensive outlook and system, properly applied, is the only means to link our nation to its roots, land and environment and implant the spirit of affiliation and loyalty in its citizens. It is also the only means for the real advancement of knowledge in our universities and any positive contribution to knowledge in the world."

The King affirmed the significance of linking university education with the comprehensive planning of manpower and the needs of development and production in the country.

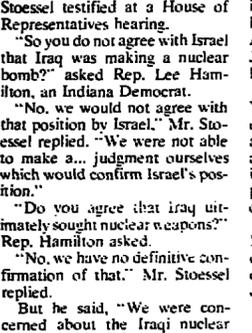
He said when these goals are achieved, the university would become a "centre of leadership in the community because it would be responding to the needs of the community" and offering solutions to its problems.

King Hussein declared that the steadfastness and resistance of our kinsmen in the occupied Arab areas is the symbol of the "determination of the Palestinian people to return home and resist the Israeli aggression and usurpation until they are eliminated and until the Palestinian people win victory and regain their full rights."

University President Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali earlier made a speech praising the efforts of the King and his support and concern for the educational process in the country.

Qasem meets Cypriot minister

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Labour minister hits Israel at ILO talks

GENEVA, June 17 (Petra) — Minister of Labour Dr. Jawad Al Anani today denounced Israel's settlements and labour policy in Palestine and the occupied territories in a conference here of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).



Dr. Jawad Al Anani

Dr. Anani said last year's ILO decisions critical of Israeli practices were not carried out completely, since Israel has defied all laws and continues to do so by establishing settlements in occupied Jerusalem, the West Bank and Palestine.

Israel's confiscation of land in the West Bank and its interference in the activities of Arab labour unions there also defy all international laws, he pointed out.

Dr. Anani noted last year's ILO decisions require that the organisation help Arab citizens in the occupied lands in every way to improve their economic conditions.

The Jordanian delegation demands that the ILO overcome its inefficiency in this field, he said, asking the body to take effective action to carry out its previous decisions.

He noted that the ILO has been prevented from carrying out all its responsibilities by financial difficulties, "but Jordan's delegation and I believe that the organisation must do whatever it can to implement its aims and to achieve its goals."

Dr. Anani pointed out that there are 161 settlements in the occupied territories and that about 34 per cent of the Arab land there has been confiscated by the Israeli authorities.

He asked whether the ILO mission has clarified the oppressive measures Arab labourers and citizens have to endure in the occupied land. He also pointed out that Israeli authorities have prevented Arab companies from registering in Arab courts, and have made them register in the Israeli upper court, an act aimed at circumventing application of the Jordanian labour law in the West Bank.

Dr. Anani also discussed Israel's racial discrimination against people in the West Bank.

He asked the participants at the conference to set a special day expressing ILO's solidarity with the people and labourers of Palestine, as a proof of the ILO's backing of the Palestinians' struggle and its rejection of Israel's aggressive policy there.

Dr. Anani then discussed his ministry's plans to improve the conditions of the Jordanian labour force.

He said he hoped the ILO would be able to carry out all its projects to overcome poverty and unemployment in many areas of the world. A new international economic system built on equality and justice for all people of the world would be the best solution for most socio-economic problems the world is facing today.

Dr. Anani said.

OAPEC: No decision to meet yet

KUWAIT, June 17 (A.P.) — A senior official of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said today there had been no decision for an emergency meeting to discuss future action, should the United States veto the imposition of sanctions on Israel by the U.N. Security Council, for its attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor.

Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Watari was commenting on local press reports claiming OAPEC would meet in emergency session in such an eventuality.

"The organisation has not received a demand from any member state for such a meeting, though OAPEC is ready to confront Israel and the American arrogance," Mr. Al Watari was quoted as saying in an interview with the newspaper Al-Siyasah.

"The organisation was still awaiting the outcome of the current Security Council debate, he was quoted as adding.

Post-raid Israeli poll shows Begin advancing

TEL AVIV, June 17 (A.P.) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin's bloc, riding a wave of popularity following the bombing of the nuclear reactor, has widened its lead over the opposition by four points, according to an opinion poll published today.

The poll, conducted by Mr. Hanoch Smith, one of Israel's leading pollsters, showed Likud leading Labour by 38 per cent to 33—up from 35 to 33 per cent last month.

Of the 1,200 participants were polled after the June 7 raid on the reactor, by Mr. Begin's account—eliminated the threat of nuclear bombs falling on the Zionist state.

Smith reported that Likud was enjoying the same level of support as it had in May 1977 when Mr. Begin ousted the Labour in a general election and took office.

NATIONAL

Soviet Friendship Week inaugurated last night



The Minister of Culture and Youth, Mr. Ma'an Abu Nowwar, attends the opening ceremony of the Soviet-Jordanian Friendship Week at Al Hussein Youth City Tuesday evening.

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — The Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowwar deputising for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, yesterday patronised the show presented by the Azerbaijan folk-dance troupe at Al Hussein sports city theatre.

At the start of the ceremony, the chairman of the Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Society expressed appreciation for efforts made to organise the Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Week, which go in line with the cultural and tec-

hnical agreement between the two countries. The society's chairman also asked Mr. Abu Nowwar to convey his thanks to His Highness Prince Hassan for patronising the Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Week.

Head of the Soviet cultural delegation Zia Ul Din Mousa Benbatouf also addressed the audience and expressed delight that such an event took place shortly after the visit His Majesty King Hussein made to the Soviet Union. Mr. Benbatouf said such a visit

emphasised a development in Jordanian-Soviet relations.

He also said that the Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Week is a landmark in the deep understanding between the two peoples, and the Soviet government will exert all efforts to make the event in Moscow next year a success.

The show included folk dances and songs from the Soviet way of life, and was attended by the visiting Soviet cultural delegation, the Soviet ambassador in Amman and a large public.

U.N. agencies hold their fourth regional meeting

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — The fourth regional meeting of the U.N. specialised agencies working in integrated rural development in the Near East opened today at the Cooperative Organisation under the chairmanship of the assistant director general and the regional representative of the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), Mr. Salah Juma'a.

Addressing the participants, Mr. Juma'a thanked the Jordanian government and the Cooperative Organisation for hosting the conference. During the two-day meeting, the participants will discuss efforts made by specialised U.N. agencies to boost the rural dev-

elopment process in the region's countries as well as coordination between those agencies in their national and regional work.

Participants in the conference include representatives from FAO, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Food Council (WFC), the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

Various Arab bodies to meet here in 1981

AMMAN, June 17 (J.T.) — The 19th medical conference of the Arab Medical Federation will be held here in the middle of October, according to Dr. Fuad Kilani, the chairman of the conference's executive committee which he said is continuing preparations for the gathering.

Dr. Kilani also said that during its meetings, the committee will look into the number of participating Arab medical doctors, lecturers as well as the medical material to be delivered.

He added that invitations have been sent to all Arab medical unions as well as to individual Arab-born doctors and expatriates.

This conference was to be held here last October, but was put off

for one year because of the outbreak of the Gulf war last September.

Several other Arab professional federations will hold meetings as well as in Amman this year. The four permanent committees of the Arab Engineers Federation will hold 3-day meetings beginning June 22.

The participants will discuss problems related to practicing engineering, consulting and engineering offices, engineering education and information in the profession. The executive office of the federation will also hold a meeting at the same time.

Members of the executive office of the Arab Pharmacists Federation will arrive here tomorrow. They will discuss topics on the agenda of the conference which will be held next November. The federation has decided to consider April 2 as the Arab pharmacists day, as the Arab Pharmacists Federation was established in Jerusalem on April 2 1966 now occupied by Israel. A meeting of the Arab Professionals Federation will also be held at the Association complex on June 30 to discuss affairs related to the conditions of Arab professionals in the occupied West Bank.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Civil Aviation team off to Britain

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — A delegation from the Civil Aviation Directorate left for Britain today for a one-week visit. During its stay in Britain, the delegation will look into airport operations and programming to apply British experience in that field on the new Queen Alia International Airport which is due to open next summer. The delegation includes the Director of Planning and Development Dr. Majidi Sabri and head of the projects planning section at the Civil Aviation Directorate.

New entry laws in UAE

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — A responsible source at the Public Security Directorate has declared that competent authorities in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have decided not to allow the entry to or departure from the UAE of those accompanying their guardians — such as children and wives, unless they are accompanied by their guardians, the passport holders. They could also obtain temporary passports for entry to the UAE. The source appealed to all citizens and travel and tourism offices to abide by these instructions in order to facilitate travel and to save time and effort.

NCC committee meets today

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — The Social and Educational Committee at the National Consultative Council (NCC) held a meeting today under the committee chairman, Dr. Ahmad Abu Qorrah. The committee decided to form a formulation committee to draft the final resolution on the draft law, amending the law of the Youth Welfare Organisation for 1981 in preparation for submitting it to the NCC in its next sessions.

Karak to get new vegetable market

KARAK, June 17 (Petra) — The Karak Municipality has referred a tender amounting to JD 219,000 to establish a vegetable market in the city of Karak. The Mayor of Karak said that work at the project, which includes warehouses and various utilities, will begin next week. He added that the municipality also referred a tender amounting to JD 33,000 to pave 33,000 square metres of Al Marj estate streets with asphalt.

Budget for Amman; JD 23 million

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — The prime minister has approved the budget of the Amman municipality for the current year, amounting to JD 23 million.

Tired drivers, high speed cause accidents

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — One person died and 11 were injured in 11 road accidents in various parts of Jordan in the last 24 hours, a source at the Public Security Directorate said. The source said the reason for the accidents is the exhausted condition of the drivers who are coming to Jordan to spend their summer vacation, as well as excessive speed.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- * Painting exhibition by Iraqi artist Hafez Hasan, at the Holiday Inn hotel in Amman.
- * Annual exhibition at the Ajloun district community college in Ajloun.
- * Painting exhibition by Omar Hamdan and Ayyad Al Nemer, at Alia Art Gallery in Shmeisani.

Films

- * "L'Affiche Rouge" (1976), on Friday, at 7:30 p.m., at the French Cultural Centre in Jabal Luweibdeh. (In French, with Arabic sub-titles).

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New Aqaba tourist centre opens next week

AMMAN, June 17 (J.T.) — Director General of Tourism Michael Hamarneh said that the new Aqaba visitors centre, sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism, will open next week as part of Jordan's celebrations of Renaissance Day.

Mr. Hamarneh added that the centre will function like a small museum and will provide visitors with information on the history of the area as well on prominent historical sites there.

The centre is located near Aqaba castle, which was the headquarters of Sharif Ibn Hussein as he came to Jordan. Its rooms will be used to show documentaries and slides on the Great Arab Rev-

olt as well as to display some old weaponry provided by the army and the Department of Archaeology.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hamarneh said that his ministry will go ahead with its project to build an artificial lake behind the Aqaba hotels. He also said that his ministry is continuing with the Aqaba-coast cleaning project to build facilities and services for visitors, cleaning operations will continue in the next few years.

A British firm is conducting a feasibility study to develop 15 kilometres of the southern coast, while a West German team is preparing a study on the south region which includes Aqaba.

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WHO centre to study leishmaniasis

AMMAN, June 17 (Petra) — The establishment of a World Health Organisation (WHO) regional centre in Amman to study leishmaniasis disease was an important topic during the second session of the seminar on the same disease. The centre will carry on the disease, its cause, prevention, since it has been spreading in the World. Several other topics were also discussed. Later on the participants will participate in the Royal Scientific Society with His Royal Highness Prince Hassan.

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But craftsmen are not affected by the idea

Sheepskin business faces foreign competition

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 14th in a series of articles about handicrafts in Jordan.

Text and photos
By Mohammad Ayish
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — As sunset drew near on one of March's rare sunny days, the 25-year-old Taha Al Maghazi was still scraping and polishing a sheepskin stretched over two hand-made wooden rods — a scene that reflected the traditional character of the sheepskin business in Jordan.

"I learned the craft five years ago as an apprentice with a professional sheepskin craftsman," said Mr. Maghazi, an Egyptian national who runs a workshop in the tiny town of Khirbet Al Souq, east of Amman, where sheepskins are economically important.

Pointing at the white fleeces on which he was slowly working, Mr. Maghazi said the piece could be used to line jackets and long coats, or to make beds and cushions.

"I inherited the craft from my father and grandfather; I can remember my first experience with fleeces when I was a child," said Mr. Ismail Tamimi, owner of a sheepskin exhibition and of the workshop in Khirbet Al Souq.

Mr. Tamimi and his sons are not

merely owners of the business, but also do an important part of the work. "When we receive the 'well-processed' fleeces from our Khirbet Al Souq workshop, we make the designs and cuts according to our liking and upon the orders of the customers," he told the Jordan Times. The work he and his sons do on the sewing machines is complementary to that done at the workshop, he added. The two places are interdependent, he said.

But Mr. Tamimi and other craftsmen, who utilise their utmost energy and experience to produce totally hand-made items, are faced by competition from foreign sheepskin products, which are usually machine-made.

This is an original sheepskin piece, and this one is artificial," Mr. Maghazi said, pointing to two fur-lined jackets at his workshop. To the untrained eye, the foreign-made jacket looks more handsome with its well-trimmed fur; but customers should also consider the warmth, convenience and originality a hand-made piece adds to the jacket, to Mr. Maghazi said.

Mr. Tamimi seems unaffected by the idea of competition between his hand-made sheepskin items and foreign-made ones. He said that competition has been eased by the wide price differential between the two products. For example, he noted, a locally-made fur coat costs JD 40, in contrast to the JD 300 pricetag for an imported item.

While the designs constitute an important part of the craft, the preparation of the fleeces is more important, according to Mr. Tamimi. "If we don't have furs ready to cut and design, we'll be out of business," he said, "and in this regard we suffer from a shortage of trained people who know all the techniques of 'processing.' This problem is due to the 'tediousness' of the work, he said, and the fact that most of the people the workshop trained used to quit the job once they felt they had mastered the craft. "Under the circumstances, we usually hire Egyptian people to do that job," he said.

The tediousness of the process resides in the several steps which require fastidiousness and attention to detail, according to Mr. Maghazi. "We bring the fleece from the butcher through a special intermediary, then we scrape it with a knife and clean it with detergent and add a bleaching material to make it white," he explained.

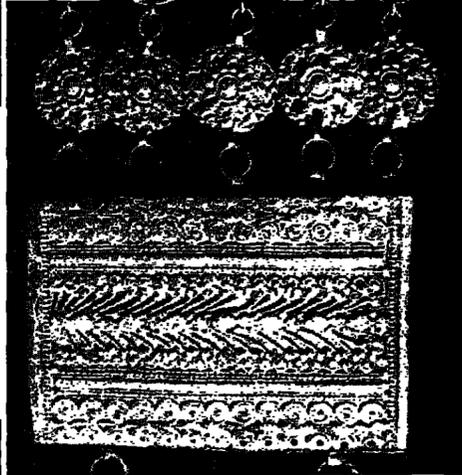
A fleece will then be cured condition for 15 hours on the average, exposed to the heat of the sun, and then cleaned with brine.

Despite the competition between foreign-made and local sheepskin products, and despite the shortage of trained labour, market conditions are satisfactory, Mr. Tamimi said that customers include Jordanians and foreign people "who have a sense of appreciation for hand-made original things." The market looks promising, he said.

Like most craftsmen in Jordan, Mr. Tamimi is not involved with the Jordan Handicrafts Development Centre Company. But he said that the centre occasionally buys some of his products to fill customer's orders.

Also like most Jordanian craftsmen, Mr. Tamimi has not applied for any sort of aid from the Industrial Development Bank — because he does not know anything about it.

Our nation's crafts



A Jordan Times in-depth series

People... in the news

Mr. Jean-Claude Hunin, 42, and Miss Catvan Jocelyne, 23, both veterans of previous overland expeditions to the South Pacific, are now passing through Jordan on yet another to their favourite haunt on earth — the Francophone South Pacific island of Noumea.

Aiming high and far is their favourite obsession. This has taken them to places like Leh, capital of Ladak in Indian Kashmir, one of the remotest spots on earth beyond which lies the no-man's land between India and China.

This time they hope to travel through Saudi Arabia and the Arabian Gulf to India once again — then a slight diversion to the Maldives, (by boat — there wouldn't be much room for their Toyota Land Cruiser to manoeuvre on the Maldives anyway.) Afterwards, it will be kilometre after dusty kilometre through South Asia and Southeast Asia till they arrive, after an extensive tour of Indonesia which has proved to be hitherto inaccessible, in Australia. They left Paris on May 24. All this will take

them another nine months through a total of 45,000 kilometres, of which they have so far covered just 6,000. Mr. Hunin is the only one who can drive, and he makes no claims to being a brilliant mechanic. This time two young Frenchmen are accompanying them in another Land Cruiser — presumed to be somewhere in Saudi Arabia right now.

Hotel Concordé La Fayette in Paris, just next to the Arc de Triomphe, finances their expedition. They have much-needed diplomatic support from two French government ministries. Even then, border crossings have often been nightmarish, with countless hours spent arguing and little items disappearing. But at least there have been no hold-ups.

All this seems to be worth it, though. Once in Noumea, where Mr. Hunin once owned a farm, they will fly back with their films to Paris, only to return to Noumea in just a month's time — to start on a trip to some mysterious destination in America.

ART REVIEW

Adnan Yahya's show reveals nothing new

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 17 — For the review of Adnan Yahya's latest exhibition at the Jordan Artists Association, please refer to the Jordan Times of Sunday, Dec. 7, 1980. There, you will find some complementary thoughts about Mr. Yahya's work, all of which are still valid. More importantly, all are still applicable, as Mr. Yahya has — not surprisingly in only six months — achieved nothing new. Maybe his works are technically a little better, the backgrounds more imaginative and he has used crowd scenes more often; but basically the works, are so similar to the ones he displayed in December that they could be the same. Indeed one or two are, and if I am mistaken, I can hardly be blamed.

Unfortunately, Mr. Yahya has done himself more harm than good by exhibiting again so soon. Our initial response — instead of being interested to see the new work of a good young artist — was one of an incredulous "again, twice in six months!" And, arriving at the exhibition with the feeling that we would know what to expect, that response was definitely, confirmed.

If an artist is going to exhibit in the same place to the same audience twice in six months, then he must have achieved something new, different and original. It is not enough to have produced the optimum 30 pieces of work of the right standard. If Mr. Yahya is so interested in exhibiting his work, then he should take it to different audiences and places — like his native Irbid or even to a neighbouring Arab country (for example Iraq with whom there appears to be some sort of cultural exchange).

But instead of working to exhibit, Mr. Yahya should and must concentrate on developing his style, which in his case is worth developing. His figures, which when first seen in the context of his first exhibition were for a young artist a good attempt at rendering violent and anguished feelings, now appear as caricatures of these emotions. Fur-



ther study (perhaps of the work of Francis Bacon and van Gogh — two masters of agonising emotional expression) would help Mr. Yahya achieve a more moving conviction.

Finally the Jordan Artists Association should be held partly responsible for the criticism Mr. Yahya has received. As a non-commercial concern, the association should concentrate on displaying the successful development in originality and freshness of the Jordanian artists' work, rather than on their supply.



Mr. Al Maghazi scrapes off a sheepskin at his workshop.



Finished sheepskin items displayed at Mr. Tamimi's shop.



Mr. Tamimi's son works on a sheepskin sewing machine.

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Rise, Ronald

IT IS SAD, really, to hear the president of the United States recite the cliches of Zionism in commenting on the Israeli attack against the Iraqi nuclear reactor. We would have thought that Israel's clear-cut violation of the conditions under which it received American arms might have prompted the president of the United States to rise above the senseless, endless cycle of accusation and counter-accusation that dominates Middle Eastern rhetoric. It is sad, really, to hear President Reagan defend the Israeli attack on the rationale that Iraq has never recognised Israel. This quality of thought would similarly allow Albania to attack the United States. Is this the kind of principle that Mr. Reagan believes should govern relations between sovereign states?

It is sad, really, to hear Mr. Reagan invoke Israel's sacred "security" concerns to condone the kind of Israeli militarism that makes its genuine security and acceptance in the Middle East more elusive than ever. Mr. Reagan, like all American officials, has to decide once and for all whether his job is to represent the best interests of his country and the peaceful aspirations of all people in the Middle East, or whether he is only a highly paid, docile apologist for an untempered Zionism lashing out against the people of the Arab World. Mr. Reagan is playing the fool when he talks in the same breath about a Middle East "peace process" and also about Israel's justification for its attack against Baghdad. A president is supposed to rise above such contradictions and such cliché-peddling. If Mr. Reagan does not respect the Arabs, he should at least respect himself.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: At his press conference yesterday, President Reagan chose to defend and justify the criminal Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor and to portray it as a defensive operation. The only conclusion to be drawn from his statements is that the U.S. administration is determined to remain antagonistic to the Arab Nation.

Reagan's statements on the defensive nature of the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear installations can be refuted by the following facts: 1. Iraq signed the Nuclear Treaty, Non-proliferation whereas Israel refused to do so. 2. The International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna has certified that the Iraqi nuclear reactor was inspected by a committee which included an American member and that its activities were found to be peaceful. 3. A U.S. State Department spokesman stated yesterday that Washington is convinced that Iraq was not producing a nuclear bomb.

If the State Department spokesman's statements are true, then Reagan's statements on the defensive aims of the Israeli attack are clearly untrue. Furthermore, the State Department spokesman admitted that the CIA passes on information to its friends in the Middle East and did not deny Israel's dependence on such information in carrying out its attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor.

As for Reagan's statement that the Israeli attack has confirmed the need for a final Middle East settlement, the inherent conclusion indicates an attitude of provocative levity toward the Arabs as does his statement that he does not believe that Israel endangers peace in the region.

The Arabs have been seeking a just, comprehensive settlement for a long time; nor does this fact need to be borne out by aggression of Baghdad. It is the United States which has collaborated with Israel to obstruct the achievement of such a settlement and to force the Arabs into surrender and subjugation.

If the Israeli air raid on Baghdad and the brutal Israeli practices in the Occupied Territories and Lebanon do not constitute a threat to peace, then wherein lies the threat?

We would like to ask Reagan how he would react to a statement claiming that a Soviet air raid on Washington would confirm the need for detente between the United States and the Soviet Union, if we are to follow his logic. It is time that the Arabs and Muslims confronted Washington with all their weapons.

AL DUSTOUR: Not even the Israelis themselves had expected President Reagan to defend and justify the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor so blatantly by describing it as a defensive act. Reagan was expected to try and mitigate the ugliness of the Israeli crime by denouncing it and blaming Israel. Instead, he wholeheartedly stated U.S. support for it, thus increasing tension in the region.

Reagan was not satisfied with mouthing Menachem Begin's excuses for the raid. He went further than that by blaming Iraq for not signing a cease-fire with Israel and participating in any attempts to achieve peace in the region. He claimed that this had worried Israel and prompted it into carrying out its attack, using U.S. aircraft. Reagan tried to shrug off the significance of Israel's use of these aircraft by claiming that the Congress is still trying to determine whether this constitutes a violation of the law specifying that these aircraft should be used for purely defensive purposes.

In spite of such obvious bias in favour of Israel, President Reagan tried to claim that Washington is eager for peace in the Middle East and that the Israeli attack was proof of the need for a final settlement in the region.

Reagan, however, has not left room for any hope for a positive U.S. role in arriving at a just comprehensive settlement, but has given conclusive proof that Arab-U.S. relations have reached a very serious turning point.

In face of such a blatant American challenge, it is incumbent on the Arabs to use all their weapons because they have no other choice.



GUEST COMMENTARY Yakety yak, blah blah ...

By Christina Waymreen

"WHERE DID YOU get that dress? It's beautiful!" screeched my next door neighbour, and I mean she positively screeched.

Where did I get it? Do I tell the truth or don't I? Very difficult, especially at prices these days. The higher the price, the better the quality and the more chic you. More difficult when your next door neighbour wears nothing less than Christian Dior and the likes. "Well, I flew to France the other weekend...."

"France! you naughty girl. Why didn't you tell me! Did I detect a note of jealousy? You see, it was a last minute decision. I... I should have kept my mouth shut. With such a topic of conversation midway between the first and second floors, questions are meant to be asked and not answered. Before I could think of another lie, I got a complete description of her wardrobe, her sister's and those of all others, whose wardrobes were fit to be fused into her conversation. The cost was given down to the last fil, penny, cent and franc. Also that I should put my hem up a little. The latest fashion was below the knees. Why don't I add a little weight? The dress hangs a bit loosely.

Oh, yes, how much did I pay for it? Well, let me see, it was in francs. Does one multiply or divide? "Just tell it to you in francs?" Let's see, what's a good number to pick? Would I like a cup of coffee to remember? Actually, I'm late for work.

"Skip it. One afternoon won't get you fired." It would do no good to protest unless I wanted to wrestle then and there as I was being literally dragged two flights of stairs and thrown into one of those low cushiony chairs that needed a mighty powerful pull to get me out of.

"Well, just half an hour." As I sipped my coffee daintily, there -- is no other way to say it -- these thin-rimmed china cups -- my worries to name a price were over.

I was completely forgotten again as I was shown dress after dress and all accessories to go with them. My facial muscles began to ache as I had to make the proper expressions to go with each exotic piece that waited across my bespeckled face. All the while struggling to get to the edge of the chair to make a proper getaway. Faster than a speeding bullet, I was half way through the door before wonderwoman caught up. Did I go to the party that Jackie made the other day. No, I can't say that I did.

"Well, I didn't go either. Her parties bore me so. All they do all night is talk about clothes!"

Israel and the U.S. Arms Export Control Act

ON JUNE 7, 1981, the Israeli Air Force used as many as 15 American-built warplanes to bomb a 70-megawatt nuclear research facility at Tuwaitha, Iraq, 17 kilometres from Baghdad. Later in the day, the U.S. government was notified by Israel of the attack. U.S. intelligence reported that the planes were U.S.-built, and the State Department made an announcement to that effect on June 8.

On May 28, a day after U.S. special envoy Philip Habib was recalled to Washington from his Middle East peace mission, American network television news programmes showed footage of Israeli jets bombing Palestinian positions south of Beirut. The planes were identified as Israeli Phantom jets -- aircraft built and supplied by the United States.

Such attacks would seem to be clear violations of the U.S. Arms Export Control Act (22 USC 2754), which states in Section 4 that U.S.-supplied arms are to be used "solely for internal security, for legitimate self-defence and to permit the recipient country to participate in regional or collective arrangements or measure consistent with the Charter of the United Nations."

Israel also signed an agreement in 1952 -- the Mutual Defence Assistance Agreement with the United States (TIAS 2765 July 23, 1952) -- not to undertake any act of aggression against any other state using U.S. arms. Violation of this agreement or the AECA would mean a stop of U.S. arms shipments and military sales credits to the recipient country.

There is great concern in the Arab World and growing concern in the United States that Israel has over-stepped its commitment and violated both agreements in its recent intensified attacks on South Lebanon and in its attack of the Iraqi nuclear facility. The undeniable television scene of the Israeli planes on May 28 is but one of many possible Israeli violations. A State Department source says the agency has received "a number of Congressional requests for information" on possible Israeli violations of the AECA. On Capitol Hill, an effort is being made by the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East to hold hearings on U.S. policy toward Lebanon.

According to a Congressional aide, discussion of possible Israeli violations of the AECA and the 1952 agreement could come up in the hearings. Expected to testify are Philip Habib, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; Nicholas Veliotis and John Gunther Dean, outgoing U.S. ambassador to Lebanon.

The hearings will be held after Mr. Habib returns from the second leg of his mission to the Middle East.

Israel, however, is effectively exempt from the AECA and the 1952 agreement, thanks to the work in 1976 of Senators Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.), Clifford Case (R-N.J.) and Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.). They pushed through

legislation changing the wording of the AECA which made it difficult to enforce automatically and subject to interpretation by the recipient country. The changes were made because supporters of Israel were concerned that U.S. arms to Israel could be stopped following the precedent set by the U.S. concerning the halt (1975-1979) of American weapons to Turkey after that country invaded Cyprus. That action was based on the original version of the AECA which stated in Section 3c that a country "shall be immediately ineligible" for arms purchases and deliveries if it used U.S. defence articles "in substantial violation" of the agreements. The president was required to determine if such violations had occurred and report to Congress.

In the amended version of the AECA, however, the president is no longer required to determine if violations have occurred, but merely reports promptly if possible violations "may have occurred." Congress was also allowed to share this responsibility. Effectively, it became the prerogative of the president and/or Congress whether or not to determine that a "substantial violation" had in fact occurred. A president could avoid the tough responsibility by reporting only that a violation "may have occurred." This new phrasing allowed both the Congress and the president to stall on making a final determination. They could forever consider the meaning of "legitimate self-defence" in making that decision.

Following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1978 and a major Israeli assault on Lebanon in the summer of 1980, the issue of Israeli violations of the AECA surfaced in Congress and controversy centered then on whether or not Israel's definition of "legitimate self-defence" was consistent with U.S. law. The State Department, delegated authority by the president to make that decision, used the wording of the new AECA to state simply that violations "may have occurred." The apparent reason was that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, determined that his new policy of "pre-emptive" strikes, in addition to the previous policy of "retaliatory" strikes, did constitute "legitimate self-defence." This reasoning was closely echoed recently by U.S. National Security Adviser Richard Allen in a television interview in which he justified Israeli raids in South Lebanon as "legitimate hot pursuit." Soon after Mr. Allen's remarks, Israel intensified its attacks on Palestinian positions in Lebanon. Israel attempts to justify its "pre-emptive" strikes on the need to reduce the threat of Palestinian guerrilla incursions from Lebanon into Israel. Israeli officials make wide use of American media to present their justification for their raids. But the facts are not widely known either in the American public or on Capitol Hill. The so-called Palestinian threat is minuscule compared to the Israeli attacks on Lebanon. In an interview on Israeli television May 27, Israeli Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rafael

Eitan said Palestinian guerrilla forces did not inflict one casualty last year in Israel. Israel, on the other hand, killed 87 civilians and 64 guerrillas in Lebanon. So far this year, Palestinian guerrillas have not killed any Israelis in Israel, but Israeli forces have already

killed scores of Lebanese and Palestinian civilians in Lebanon as well as a limited number of guerrillas.

When the hearing House subcommittee hearing deals with the possible Israeli violations of the AECA, a major question that needs to be addressed is whether the balance of statistics justifies the Israeli interpretation that its strikes in Lebanon are "legitimate self-defence."

In the wake of the June 7 Israeli attack on Iraq, the State Department was instructed to prepare a report on the possibility that AECA was violated. That report will be ready "very swiftly," says Kansas Dean Fischer said, it will be delivered to Congress President Reagan.

Israel's Aloneness

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following commentary by columnist Stephen S. Rosenfeld appeared in the June 12 Washington Post under the above title.

MENACHEM BEGIN invites us to discuss whether a country believing that its vital interests are imperiled should wait for the blade to fall and, specifically, whether an "enemy's" nuclear weapons would constitute the sort of threat justifying any cost or risk to remove. This is the Begin question.

But it is, I believe, the wrong question, or the secondary question, though it comes naturally to many Israelis, and not only them. To give it political and moral rank is to be entangled by the fateful web of passion and policy that Begin has spun in his four-year term.

Of course, a country feeling that it faces an overwhelming threat to its supreme interests will act, if it has an ounce of will remaining. The real question for Israel, however, is not whether it will act in strains that are or that threaten to become depressive, but whether it will do everything it can to keep out of such a fix and whether, once in one, it will do what it must to get out. This question Begin rushes by.

What needs to be explained first of all is why Israel finds itself in circumstances where it feels so endangered, so isolated, so bereft of friends and so devoid of alternatives that its lone recourse is an action as extreme and fraught with unpredictable consequences as the strike.

Begin's explanation flows, implicitly and sometimes explicitly, from a kind of historical or even cosmic anti-Semitism that compels Israel to be ever vigilant and self-reliant and ever leery of being trapped by conventional self-limiting rules, lest Israel's rights or its very survival be called into doubt. The world's reluctance to accept his judgment of the Palestinians is all the evidence he requires to validate this view. Criticism of the raid is merely icing on the cake.

No student of history, and certainly few Jews, will dismiss Begin's evocation of anti-Semitism out of hand. But a great many people, and I among them, reject it as an acceptable basis for Israeli policy. One does not have to believe that the world has been cured of anti-Semitism to challenge a view that leads Israel, a small, exposed and dependent

country, to act as a law unto itself and thus to aggravate the very uncertainty it craves to assuage.

For there is another, simpler, less ominous explanation, though one harder in a way for Israelis to handle, for Israel's virtually unbearable condition of loneliness. It is that Israel has yet to find itself the will to say that if and as the Palestinians accept its national claims -- which they have not yet done -- it will accept theirs.

Self-determination is the century's most universally acclaimed right, and the Israelis, insisting on it and already enjoying it for themselves, deny it to the people whose destiny is most closely linked to their own. Begin would deny it even if the Palestinians, completely flip-flopped and signed on the dotted line.

It follows that Israel will be served better by a policy of gradual stuttering accommodation to Palestinian nationalism -- or by a posture of accommodation that put a burden of meeting Israel halfway

on the Palestinians -- than by the Begin policy of building a greater Israel. True, if the Palestinian question were resolved, Israel would be left in an environment of considerable peril and instability. But that's life in the Middle East. It sure beats the threat of extinction Israel believes it faces now.

Perhaps the most serious consequence of the Begin policy is that it has blurred Israel's line between self-defence and adventurism. It should be obvious that Israel, facing hostility on all borders but one, has a special need not to have a shadow thrown over the legitimacy of steps it takes in its defence. In the West Bank, in Lebanon and now in Iraq, however, Begin has compromised the respect that sustains Israel in both its interior morale and its international standing. He has made it easy for Israel's fair-weather friends to look the other way, and he has made it hard for its single last foul-weather friend, the United States, to stand confidently at its side.

Begin's great courage and so of history betray him. He says grim pride that Israel will, I must, stand alone. But his political reinforcement of Israel's aloneness, to do so at a time when -- wit Iraq -- its foes increasingly have the wealth, technology and momentum to become an ever-greater military threat, thus tightening pressure on Israel to preempt or await an ultimate showdown.

The sticking point is whether the Palestinian side would become an Israeli initiative for accommodation or exploit it as a sign of weakness. This is the great irony, which I hear in many places starting at the breakfast table, happen to think that, with Israel, and the Israelis have it at their own way. Begin, I believe, will never do it. Shimon Peres, with the right kind of support from us Americans, just might.

مركزات الامم

MIDDLE EAST

Bani-Sadr supporters boycott Majlis debate

TEHRAN, June 17 (R) — The Majlis, Iran's national assembly, today voted to discuss ground rules for an impeachment debate against President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr after a boycott by his supporters failed to prevent a quorum necessary for a vote.

The session began with only 163 deputies present in the 217-member assembly, 17 fewer than the required quorum of 180.

The Majlis has 270 seats, but 53 were vacant because of electoral disputes, the war with Iraq and civil disorders in some constituencies.

Majlis sources said about 20 supporters of the president, who faces a threatened dismissal by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, signed the register to indicate their presence but did not enter the chamber.

Later, more deputies — mostly mullahs (clergymen) who support the government — were found and Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani announced that 181 deputies were present.

He called for a vote on technicalities of the proposed impeachment debate and 135 deputies stood up, shouted "Allah Akbar" (God is great) as a sign of approval and sat down again.

The Majlis then began line-by-line discussion of the rules for the debate.

Meanwhile, the revolutionary prosecutor of Tehran called on the public today "to stay on the scene and be ready on the streets of the city... to frustrate any plot hatched by United States agents."

The one-paragraph alert published by the official Pars news agency gave no further details.



Olof Palme
Palme returns to Gulf

UNITED NATIONS, June 17 (A.P.) — United Nations special envoy Olof Palme will arrive in Tehran on Friday and in Baghdad next Monday for a new round of talks aimed at ending the war between Iran and Iraq, U.N. spokesman Rudolf Stajduhar said.

The trip will be Mr. Palme's fourth to the area since Mr. Waldheim appointed him last fall.

Mr. Stajduhar called attention to a June 9 resolution of the Arab League Council that, among other things, asks Iran and Iraq "to respond promptly to the mediation efforts of the Islamic Conference Organisation, the Non-aligned Movement and the United Nations to stop the war between them."

U.S. plans to sell missiles to Kuwait

WASHINGTON, June 17 (A.P.) — The Pentagon notified Congress yesterday it plans to sell Kuwait 60 improved Hawk anti-aircraft missiles and related equipment for about \$150 million.

The Pentagon called the proposed sale "a continuation of support which has been provided to the government of Kuwait" since it bought an earlier generation of Hawks six years ago.

The letter to Congress said the new sale "will demonstrate the continuing willingness of the United States to support the Kuwaiti effort to improve the security of the country."

Syria, Turkey sign extradition accord

ANKARA, June 17 (A.P.) — Turkey and Syria have signed an extradition accord, calling for both countries to return fugitives to their homelands.

The agreement of "mutual assistance in criminal affairs and extradition of criminals" was signed in Ankara by the Syrian Justice Minister Khaled El Maki and his Turkish counterpart, Cevdet Montes.

Mr. Montes said after the signing ceremony, "The terrorists who fled to Syria following last Sept. 12 military takeover will be returned to Turkey as a result of this accord." Mr. El Maki is on a three-day official visit to Turkey that includes a stop in Istanbul today.

The visit of the Syrian justice minister to Turkey and the signing of the extradition accord "was the continuation of stepped-up Syrian-Turkish diplomatic activity" said the Western diplomats here.

Last week the Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam held high-level talks in Ankara.

Mr. Khaddam took time-out to visit Turkey in the midst of his country's showdown with Israel over Syria's introduction of Soviet-made SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon's fertile Bekaa Valley in retaliation for Israel's shooting down of two helicopters.

Mr. Khaddam's visit was seen as a gesture of thanks for Turkey's condemnation of Israel's role in the missile crisis.

Turkish-Syrian relations have long been strained primarily because of Syria's presumed unwillingness to police its side of the 640 kilometre border that the two Mideast neighbours share.

During the ongoing trial of left-wing Kurdish separatists, members of the so-called Apocur gang, some defendants have claimed they were trained by the Palestine Liberation Organisation at camps in Syria and Lebanon.

Kurdish separatists in southeast Turkey have told the Associated Press they regularly cross into Syria for training, arms and medical supplies.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Iran revises quake toll

NICOSIA, June 17 (A.P.) — The latest death toll for the earthquake that struck southeast Iran last Thursday was only 1,027, considerably lower than previous reports, the official Iranian Pars news agency reported today. Pars said the figure was announced by "the commission investigating the earthquake" that struck the town of Golbagh, 800 kilometres southeast of Tehran. "The mass media had exaggerated the number of casualties," the commission statement added.

Convicts freed in Iran

TEHRAN, June 17 (R) — Nearly 500 convicts have been released and 80 others will be married in jail tomorrow to celebrate the birthday of the 10th century Imam Mahdi, whom Iran's majority Shi'ite Muslims believe will one day return to establish justice in the world. State radio said today 485 people convicted by Islamic revolutionary courts throughout the country had been pardoned by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and freed. Most of their convictions related to drugs, the radio said. Tehran newspapers said 40 men and 40 women in the capital's Qasr prison would be married in honour of the birthday of the Imam, or religious leader, the last of 12 imams recognised by Shi'ites. The city police chief said police would present them with a wedding cake.

Israeli survivors settle case with Air France

TEL AVIV, June 17 (A.P.) — Israeli survivors of the 1976 hijacking of an Air France jetliner to Uganda have reached an out-of-court settlement with the airliner for a seven-figure sum, the Jerusalem Post newspaper reported today. Air France's Tel Aviv office declined to comment on the report. The Post said the accord covered claims of 67 former hostages and heirs of the four killed when Israeli commandos stormed the Entebbe airport in a rescue operation. The Post said the settlement was reached on May 14, after five years of litigation in which the former hostages charged that tighter Air France security could have prevented the hijacking. The Air France Airbus with 245 passengers was hijacked on June 27, 1976 by German and Palestinian Arab commandos in Athens. The Post said the specifics of the accord were being kept secret at Air France's demand, because it did not want the settlement to influence other foreign claims against the company.

Aden demands release of 3

ADEN, June 17 (R) — South Yemen said last night that three of its nationals had been kidnapped from a border village by the authorities in neighbouring Sultanate of Oman. An official statement carried by the Aden news agency demanded the return of the three men and accused Oman of attempting to provoke armed clashes with South Yemen to pave the way for intervention in the region by imperialist forces. Oman had said that six armed members of South Yemen's popular army had infiltrated across the border at the weekend and three of them had been captured. Relations between leftist South Yemen and pro-Western Oman are strained and border incidents are not uncommon.

Future of U.S. bases in Greece hangs in balance

ATHENS, June 17 (R) — The future of American military bases in Greece hung in the balance as the Greek government awaited new U.S. proposals on a defence and economic cooperation pact, an authoritative source has said.

There appeared to be continued disagreement over the amount of military aid to be given Greece in return for the continued operation of the bases.

Greek and American negotiators involved in the bargaining have just held a meeting and the Greek cabinet also discussed the issue.

They concern the future status and operation of four U.S. bases—two in Athens and two on the island of Crete—and several small installations.

The authoritative source said that the Americans would submit their new proposals within 48 hours.

Informed sources said that if the proposals were not satisfactory to the Greeks, the negotiations would be adjourned until after the Greek general election due not later than November.

The bases, which now operate under the terms of an agreement signed in 1953, come under the NATO umbrella.

The two main Greek opposition parties, the Pan Hellenic Socialist Movement and the Moscow-line communists, want the bases closed down and Greece out of NATO.

During the negotiations, Greece has insisted that the bases should be under Greek command and serve only NATO interests.

The Greeks also insisted on an American pledge that the balance of power between Greece and Turkey, rivals in the Aegean over territorial rights, should be maintained and that the United States should guarantee Greece's boundaries in the Aegean.

Under an agreement initialled in 1977 but never signed, Greece would have received \$700 million in U.S. aid over four years. But Athens considers this inadequate.

Greece also wants advanced weapons and a surveillance system which the Americans are reported reluctant to provide, the informed sources said.

Sudanese president bans strikes, orders capture of strike leaders

KHARTOUM, June 17 (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has ordered the arrest of the leaders of a strike which has crippled the country's rail and river transport since the end of last month, the Sudan news agency has reported.

The agency said the president had issued a decree ordering security authorities to arrest, interrogate and bring to trial "saboteurs and instigators" of the strike by rail, river transport and catering workers.

It said the decree banned all strikes and called for legal amendments "to prohibit strikes and stoppages for any reason and set the harshest and most deterrent penalties" for strikers.

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ECONOMY

In spite of mounting unemployment

Thatcher sticks to monetarist policy

LONDON, June 17 (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will stick firmly to her tough monetarist policy in spite of mounting unemployment, government sources said today after a two-hour special cabinet meeting on economic strategy.

Since taking office two years ago, the government has held down public spending and sought to restrict the money supply in a fight against double-digit inflation, which it sees as the main threat to the nation's economic recovery.

But opposition parties, trade unions, and several influential members of the ruling Conservative Party have urged steps to bring down the jobless total, now at 2,558,000 or 10.6 per cent of the workforce and the worst since the 1930s.

Today's special cabinet meeting was arranged because ministers who dislike the government's hard-line economic policy—the moderates known as "wets" according to current British political slang—had protested they could not make their views known.

economic strategy discussion usually takes place in an inner cabinet of ministers who support her.

According to informed sources, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Geoffrey Howe, told the cabinet more cuts in government spending would be needed to defeat inflation.

Some ministers were expected to resist this, among them Employment Secretary James Prior, one of the "wets". He outlined an alternative strategy which could ease unemployment, but the sources said those wanting a change in government policy were in the minority.

The opposition Labour Party has made unemployment the main theme of its attack on the government. Its leader, Michael Foot, told a trade union conference today that Mrs. Thatcher's economic policies had proved to be a hopeless, unqualified, unredemptive catastrophe.

Five hundred jobless workers last month marched 300 miles (480 km) from Liverpool to London in protest over the lack of employment opportunities.

Former Conservative Prime



Mrs. Thatcher

Minister Edward Heath has also joined the chorus of dissent. He spoke passionately in parliament recently of his fears that the Conservatives could become the party of unemployment.

But in a strong speech last night Mrs. Thatcher said there would be no change in government policy. She quoted United States soldier Lloyd Williams, who said on arriving in France in 1918: "Retreat, hell no, we only just got here."

Under the government's monetarist approach, along similar lines to that of the Reagan administration in the United States, inflation has come down to 12 per cent from a peak in May last year of 21.9 per cent.

But Britain's deep recession has thrown more than a million people out of work in the past year, and ministers admit the jobless total is likely to rise further.

According to treasury experts the bottom of the recession has been reached and inflation is now under control.

Mrs. Thatcher said last night that living standards would have to fall if the economy was to recover, and figures published today showed that earnings in the past year had risen by 14 per cent, against a 15.7 per cent rise in living costs.

OPEC discusses long-term strategy

GENEVA, June 17 (R) — Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani presides over an OPEC meeting here today to discuss long-term pricing strategy, three weeks after forcing other OPEC states to freeze prices by creating a world oil glut.

The six-nation meeting takes place against the background of OPEC's repeated failure to unify prices. Saudi Arabia insists a unified price structure is essential for any long-term plan.

Sheikh Yamani advocates moderate price increases to ensure that real oil income is not eroded while cushioning consumers against sudden price shocks.

A ministerial meeting of all 13 OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) nations here on May 23 and 24 ended with some countries agreeing to freeze prices and cut production to mop up the glut and ease pressure on prices.

Sheikh Yamani says his kingdom created the surplus by over-producing to force other OPEC states to unify prices, which range from Saudi Arabia's \$32 a barrel to the \$41 price of African producers.

Sheikh Yamani told Reuters that he and Venezuelan Oil Min-

ister Humberto Calderon Berti were the only ministers attending the two-day talks, which also include representatives of Iraq, Iran, Kuwait and Algeria.

The ministerial meeting last month asked the strategy committee to review its findings and report back as soon as possible. Its work dates to a Saudi initiative in 1978 to coordinate steady quarterly rises in oil prices.

Sheikh Yamani presented a draft strategy last September which would have linked price rises to inflation, Western economic growth and fluctuations in a basket of currencies.

But Algeria, Libya and Iran argued for steeper increases based on Western inflation plus the increase in the cost of goods imported by OPEC members from the West.

A majority of OPEC states favoured the Saudi formula at a meeting in Vienna last year, but the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war three days later forced cancellation of an OPEC summit in Baghdad at which it might have been adopted.

The ministers are expected to revise the original strategy to take into account a fall in demand for

oil caused by Western recession, fuel conservation and the development of alternative energy sources.

OPEC experts said slack demand—dropped by seven per cent in 1980 and is still going down—could force the organisation to moderate its price rises (for a while).

Two fast a rise could push major oil-consuming countries to switch more rapidly to alternative energy sources, they said.

The long-term committee also discusses aid to the Third World, Algeria and Venezuela have proposed that OPEC form a development bank with \$20 billion capital, while Iraq wants a joint fund to which OPEC would contribute according to increases in its exports to the Third World.

Saudi Arabia is also thought to favour financial aid to OPEC members which suffered as a result of joint decisions to cut production.

Brighter outlook in U.S. business survey

WASHINGTON, June 17 (A.P.) — Business optimism about the economic climate in the United States and the government's ability to fight inflation has taken a sharp upturn in the latest quarterly business survey conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In the spring poll of 1,027 business executives, released yesterday, 54 per cent said the general business climate was becoming more favourable, compared with 30 per cent who said it was becoming less favourable.

The percentage of executives expressing an optimistic outlook has risen dramatically since the spring of 1980 when only three per cent of the respondents said they felt positive about the economy.

The business community's rating of the government's handling of inflation also has surged upwards since President Ronald Reagan took office. In the spring survey, 57 per cent of the executives said the government was doing a good job in fighting inflation and 40 per cent said the government was doing only a fair job.

In the winter 1981 survey, taken in the early days of the Reagan administration, 35 per cent said the government was doing a good job on the inflation front.

The spring survey also showed that the average executive believes there is better than an even chance that inflation will persist above 10 per cent for the next 12 months.

Suzuki tells EEC he'll ease exports flood

LONDON, June 17 (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki tonight said Japan wanted to move closer to Western Europe and promised action to ease the problems caused by Japanese cars and electronic goods flooding into West Europe.

Mr. Suzuki was making his only public speech during a European tour which has been marked by vigorous representations about

Japan's huge imbalance of trade with West European countries.

He held talks earlier today with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington.

The British government believes that if Japan wants to play a bigger role on the world stage, it must relax its trading policy and import more goods from West Europe, officials said.

High Indian inflation rate poses threat of hunger

By Ajay Sen

NEW DELHI — A fresh bout of inflation is posing a growing threat of hunger to India's 330 million poor people although the country is having bumper food harvests.

The 16-month-old government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is having trouble explaining the paradox in view of her election promise to give the country "a government that works".

Officials said the inflation rate over the last 12 months was 17 per cent, compared with 20 per cent in the previous year which was marked by a disastrous drought.

However, the official wholesale price index for the first quarter of 1981 rose by five per cent from the previous three-month figure, and

key products such as foodgrains, sugar, edible oils and food were among those most affected.

Even moderate price rises can cause problems for the poor, with no savings and very low incomes for spending on food. Economists say nearly half of India's 680 million inhabitants already live below the poverty line as defined in terms of food needs.

The price rises have occurred despite good crop prospects this year. The country is now reaping a bumper foodgrain harvest off-

icially estimated at 133 million tonnes, and the authorities expect sugar production in the year to October to rise by 33 per cent to 5.2 million tonnes.

Yet retail sugar prices are now as much as \$1.13 a kilogramme (50 cents a pound), having risen by up to 25 cents a kilo (11 cents a pound) in the last few weeks.

The government is resisting claims by its employees for wage rises to compensate for cost of living increases because it feels this would further fuel inflation.

Inflation was lower last year, and wholesale prices even dropped in November and December, partly because of the combination of liberal imports, comfortable foreign exchange reserves and large grain stocks.

The renewed inflationary surge since January is partly due to rises

in the officially administered prices of foodgrains, petroleum products, steel, coal and transport services.

Officials say prices will decline as production picks up under the impact of tax concessions for business proposed in the 1981-82 budget, and with continued control of the money supply and bank credit.

But some economists feel that an inefficient state-run distribution system, with erratic movement of stocks from government stores to the shops, will make inflation difficult to control in the coming months.

An official of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry was also pessimistic about the outlook for inflation in view of large budget deficits of about \$4.5 billion in fiscal 1981-

82 and 1980-81.

The government has said it might import scarce commodities like sugar and edible oils to check prices. It also proposes a new law controlling speculative trading and stocking of essential commodities.

But imports may be restricted in the current year because India's foreign cash reserves have fallen to \$5.81 billion last April from \$6.06 billion a year ago despite loans totalling one billion dollars from the International Monetary Fund.

Western experts say foodstocks fell to 9.6 million tonnes last April from a peak of 21.4 million tonnes in July 1979. This may restrict release through the public distribution system.

The government proposes a new law controlling speculative

trading and stocking of essential commodities.

But economists say anti-inflationary measures are unlikely to be effective unless circulation of "black money" is checked.

Much black money arises from the excess profits of traders who sell key commodities at above their official prices, and is not declared for tax purposes.

The government issued special bearer bonds last February in a bid to mop up \$1.25 billion of this unaccounted money, but only \$44 million had been handed over by April 30 when the sale of the bonds was suspended.

Finance Minister Ramaswami Venkataraman has said fresh taxes might be needed to make up this shortfall.

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- 5:10 Children's Programme
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- 8:30 Arabic Series
- 9:30 Local programme
- 10:15 Arabic Film
- 11:00 News in Arabic
- 11:10 Cont. of Arabic Film

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- 6:00 French Programme
- 7:00 News in French
- 7:30 News in Hebrew
- 8:30 Muppet Show
- 9:10 Feather and Father
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:15 Movie of the Week

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- 10:15 Scooby Doo
- 10:40 Han's Adventures
- 11:10 Religious Programme
- 12:30 Kids from 47 A
- 12:55 Arabic Series
- 13:55 Castaways
- 14:20 Soccer
- 15:15 Science and Life
- 15:45 Chips
- 16:30 At Your Request
- 17:30 How the West was Won
- 19:20 Programme Preview
- 19:30 Religious Seminar
- 20:00 News in Arabic
- 21:30 Local Programme on Development
- 22:15 Programme on Literature
- 23:00 News in Arabic

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- 6:00 French Programme
- 7:00 News in French
- 7:30 News in Hebrew
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- 9:00 Family
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:15 Magnum

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7:40 Morning Show

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- 13:00 News Summary
- 13:43 Pop Session
- 14:00 News
- 14:10 Instrumentals
- 14:30 Men from the Ministry
- 15:00 Concert Hour
- 16:00 News Summary
- 16:30 Instrumentals
- 16:30 Old Favourites
- 17:00 Melody Time
- 17:50 Pop Session
- 18:00 News Summary
- 18:43 Jordan in History
- 19:00 Special Feature
- 19:30 Music
- 20:30 Evening Show
- 21:00 News Summary
- 21:03 Evening Show
- 22:00 Sign off

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- 7:40 Morning Show
- 10:00 News Summary
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National squash team ready for international action

by Suzanne Za'mud-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

MAN, June 17 — The last final game in the National Squash Championship was played tonight at the Sports Club between Mr. Yusuf and Mr. Muhammad Hasneh. The winner will play Mr. Za'mud in the final match for over 20 Championship next month.

Mr. Hassan Saudi, secretary of the federation, the tournaments help to maintain the players' fitness. The results of the tournaments also help in the choice of the national team, which has started to take part in international events.



Mr. Hassan Saudi

The first international encounter for the team was in Kuwait last April, where the members played against the Kuwait Oil Company and the Kuwait National Squash Team.

The next contest will be on Aug. 25 in Pakistan, where the team will take part in the Asia Tournament. This will be followed by participation in the International World Tournament to be held in Stockholm on Sept. 15. The federation has also called for the 1982 Asia Tournament to be held in Amman.

Jawdat Abdel Munem, an Alia pilot, was the dynamic force behind the formation. He is also vice president of the Asian Squash Federation.

From its inception, the federation has developed with the ardent backing, both morally and financially, of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who is its honorary president and a regular and skilful player himself.

The advancement which the game can make in Jordan is, however, limited at the moment because of the insufficient number of courts. There are only eight courts in the whole of Jordan; four at the Sports City, two at Jordan University and two belonging to the army which are not accessible to the public.

The federation's dream, and that of many squash players, is a squash centre envisaged at the Sports City. "There are no definite plans to the moment, but we'll be working towards it," said Mr. Saudi.

engaged by the federation to provide the necessary training, which lasts approximately six hours a day.

The Jordan Squash Federation was established in 1979 by the Youth Organisation with the aim of promoting squash in Jordan and organising the game. The president of the federation, Captain

Cruyff's performance tells his age

MILAN, June 17 (R) — Johan Cruyff, one of the legends of modern soccer, shined all his 34 years during the first game of an international club tournament last night. Dutchman Cruyff, playing for A.C. Milan, was substituted at halftime in a drab goalless draw with Feyenoord of the Netherlands. In the second match of the tournament involving five European and South American teams who have won the Inter-Continental Cup, Inter-Milan drew 1-1 with Uruguay's Penarol. About 40,000 spectators at the San Siro Stadium must have been disappointed with Cruyff, who is receiving a reported \$25,000 a game. He was playing against Rudi Krol, a fellow member of the magical teams the Netherlands produced in the 1970s and Guestin for Feyenoord in this tournament.

Nairobi doubtful for sports venue

NAIROBI, June 17 (R) — Abraham Ordia, the president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA), today expressed doubt about the fourth all-Africa games being held by 1983. The games, Africa's greatest festival of sport, are supposed to take place every four years and were due to be held in Nairobi in 1982. But last year Kenya pulled out because of lack of facilities. "It has not been possible to find an alternative venue to Nairobi for the fourth games. I do not know how far the Secretary General (Amadou Lamine Ba of Senegal) has gone in this respect and I do not know whether we shall be able to hold the games by 1983," Ordia said. He added that he would be forced to turn to the countries who have organized the games before to do so again and "with due humility I have my own country in mind." Nigeria organized the second games in 1973.

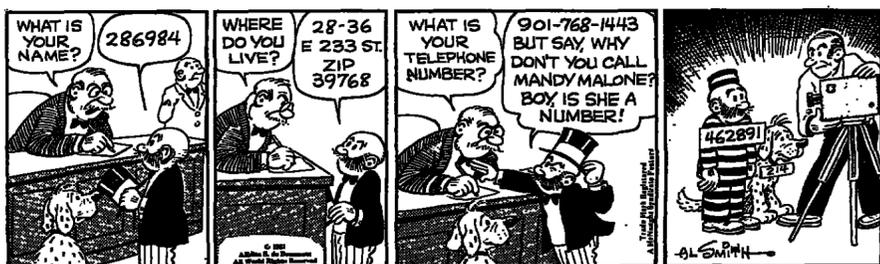
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(Answers tomorrow)

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1981

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to think about what you want to do in the future that is new and different. Take the time to formulate long-range plans to have greater abundance in the days ahead.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Engage in a challenging venture you enjoy and make much progress. Enjoy the company of friends at pleasurable activities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can add new activities to your regular routines which could be profitable. Don't be so opinionated.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have a new plan that requires the backing of good friends, so be sure to contact them without delay. Express happiness.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Try to be more active in public affairs and gain added prestige. Be clever in handling money matters.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) If you make plans now for improving your position in life, you can easily add to your abundance. Think constructively.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study carefully how to handle responsibilities more intelligently in the future. Study new outlets that could be profitable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Good day to talk over your finest ambitions and ideas with associates and get the results you want. Show that you have wisdom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Become more enthused about the work you have to do and get better results. Make new plans for the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) This is the right day to gain a most cherished aim. Do whatever will bring you closer to the one you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Showing true loyalty at home can bring about the harmony that is needed there. Stop being so unsure of yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan just how to produce more and increase your income in the future. Sidelust one who could get you in trouble.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You have fine ideas for getting ahead so jot them down today so you won't forget them. Take time and improve your property.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be mentally alert and can pioneer with success in various avenues of expression. Give the right kind of education, stressing modern ways of doing things. Don't neglect spiritual training early in life.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1981

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are able to get an influential person to go along with an important plan of yours. It's advisable that you huddle together and with secrecy. Avoid any arguments.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Obtain the data that is vital to your welfare. Do something constructive about private worries you have. Use care in travel.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Contact a higher-up and get the support you need at this time. Attend a social affair and show that you have poise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) During your spare time make plans and concentrate on how to improve your position in the world. Be logical.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Study a new system which could increase your income in the days ahead. Be more tactful in business dealings.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Study how best to handle difficult duties you have. Consult a financial expert for advice you need. Show more devotion to mate.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Contact a valuable associate and work out a plan that can bring greater success in the future. Relax at home tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Contact congenials and make plans to engage in recreations after your work is done. Don't neglect correspondence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Decide what should be done regarding a new venture you have in mind, and then carry through in a positive manner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Contacting a close lie about a new venture you have in mind could lead to benefits in the future. Be poised.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Today could bring monetary gains if you are careful and spend your money wisely. Show others you have common sense.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Your intuition is working fine now, so be sure to follow it. A time to attend strictly to business for best results.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be careful you are not too demanding with co-workers. Improve your appearance and become more charming to others.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have a good opportunity to study scientific data early in life which could prove valuable upon reaching maturity. Be sure to give as fine an education as you can. Research of any kind is fine in this chart.

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Tennis Talk

Serving in the sun
By Maureen Stalla

If your normal toss place the ball directly in line with the sun so that you are blinded when serving, make a slight change in your toss. Make a few trial tosses, some to the right, some to the left of where you normally toss. Usually one of these tosses will place the ball out of the line of the sun and you will be able to see clearly and not be blinded.

Another way to avoid the sun is to change your stance. Stand either more or less sideways than you normally do. Then even if you toss the ball as you usually do, the ball will be in a different spot relative to the sun and you will be able to see it as you swing at it.

Again, the new stance will force you to change your swing pattern slightly, so don't expect to serve your best serves. At least, however, you will be able to see the ball and avoid double faulting.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
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Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ Void ♠ 9764 ♠ AKJ42 ♣ AQ96
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 3 ♣ 4 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—What started off as perhaps only a fair hand has grown in stature. If North is good enough to introduce a new suit voluntarily at the four-level and you have four-card support, you must be safe at a five-level contract; even a grand slam could be in the cards. Start off with a cue-bid of four spades to see what partner's reaction is.

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A96 ♠ KQ ♠ AJ964 ♠ J104
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♠ Dble. Pass 1 ♣ 2 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
A.—Face the facts. You have a minimum takeout double, so you have said all that you should for the moment. It would be poor tactics to raise to two spades, since that would give partner the impression that you have four spades and a stronger hand. If partner is not broke, he can act again.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ Q10642 ♠ 92 ♠ A2 ♠ K752
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ 0 ♣ 2 ♠ 3 ♣ 4 ♠ ?
What do you bid now?
A.—You bid your limit when you made your overcall—any further action is up to partner. Since he knows that you have some defensive values, he is in a much better position to decide whether he wants to defend or sacrifice.

Q.4—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K4 ♠ AKQ98543 ♠ 8 ♠ 72
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
Pass Pass 4 ♠ 4 ♠ Dble. Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—Your preemptive bid warned partner not to expect much from you in the way of defensive strength. Thus, he is doubling virtually on his own hand. Your king of spades is going to come as a pleasant surprise to him, and the penalty could be substantial. Pass—a bid of five hearts would be an unwarranted usurpation of authority.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ AKQ742 ♠ Q97 ♠ 73 ♠ 94
What is your opening bid?
A.—Your hand is worth 13 points—11 in high cards and two in distribution. Therefore, you should open the bidding with one spade. Even if you play weak two-bids, this hand is too strong for even a vulnerable weak two in first or second seat. Partner will never expect that you have such a super maximum, so you might possibly miss a game.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K76 ♠ K82 ♠ A74 ♠ K1095
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—There is a temptation to tell partner about your spade support, but it should be curbed. You have a dead minimum opening bid and flat distribution, so game is out of the question. Besides, clubs must be your best partner score contract. You are certainly playing in a 4-4 or better fit if you stay in clubs, while spades might be 4-3. Pass.

WORLD

Confrontation with Solidarity inevitable, Polish leader warns

WARSAW, June 17 (A.P.) — Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania has said a confrontation with the

"The party must grant all aid to Solidarity to free this great work organization from attempts at using its capacities as a destruction force acting against the socialist state," Mr. Kania told party activists in Plock, an oil refining centre near here.

"If that fails, confrontation is inevitable," Mr. Kania, in remarks reported by the official news agency PAP, also said that it must be clear to everyone that "what is anti-Soviet is essentially also anti-Polish in its effects."

Mr. Kania's remarks came less than a week after a stormy central committee power struggle with hardliners after the arrival here of a stern Soviet letter criticizing his

union Solidarity is "inevitable" if it is used as a "destructive force acting against the socialist state."

and Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski's leadership. The letter, printed here and in the Soviet Union a few days later criticized the two leaders for continuing "concessions and compromises" and asked the Poles to act swiftly to counter "anti-socialist activities."

Rioting in Katowice

Earlier, riot police clashed with about 150 drunken youths at the main railway station in the Polish industrial city of Katowice, according to official sources.

The PAP news agency said the incident began when the youths started pelting police, who witnesses said were unarmed, with

stones and bottles. The agency said order was restored only after numerous police reinforcements were called in. Witnesses said the youths smashed windows and damaged clocks and other fixtures in the station before they were subdued.

Katowice Solidarity suggested the riot was instigated as it came exactly one month after an "undoubtedly inspired public provocation" at the station on May 15, when some men attacked passersby and taxi drivers.

Solidarity said Katowice Province, Poland's steel and coal centre, had for "some time now been used as a testing ground for political manipulators."

Katowice was the centre of a controversial "forum" that emerged about a month ago. The party discussion club criticized Polish leaders, Solidarity and the media, prompting condemnations from all three.

The Katowice riot comes amid mounting official concern over a reported breakdown in public discipline and sharp Soviet criticism.

Disidents' trial postponed

Amid Soviet pressure to deal firmly with "counter-revolutionary elements," a Polish judge has postponed for two weeks today the trial of four anti-communists charged with plotting to overthrow the government.

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Saharan dispute leads to fisticuffs at OAU

NAIROBI, June 17 (A.P.) — Moroccan delegates and Algerian-backed Polisario observers traded punches in a running fight today outside the hall where foreign ministers of the 50-nation Organisation of African Unity (OAU) meeting which opened on Monday.

Club-wielding police broke up the fighting after several minutes and arrested two Moroccan diplomats and one Polisario observer. The dispute between Morocco and Polisario guerrillas over the mineral-rich Western Sahara is one of the most difficult issues confronting OAU heads of state when they meet here next week.

Polisario guerrillas have waged a five-year-old struggle for control of the former Spanish Sahara. After Spain pulled out in late 1975, the Sahara was annexed by Morocco and Mauritania, but Mauritania later signed a separate peace with the guerrillas, leaving Morocco to continue war alone against the Polisario.

Moroccan diplomat Amin Maalaineh said the fighting started when a Polisario observer insulted the Moroccan diplomats "by saying Morocco is occupying territory that is theirs."

Mr. Maalaineh said one Moroccan retorted by calling the Polisario "mercenaries."

Witnesses weren't sure who threw the first punch but the fight ranged over a wide area of the lounge and bar before police arrived. Several delegates from other countries tried unsuccessfully to hold both sides apart.

Mr. Maalaineh identified the two Moroccans taken into police custody as Hassan Alami, chief of cabinet of the ministry of foreign affairs, and Youcef Lamrani, chief of cabinet of the secretary of state for cooperation.

Landslide victory reinstalls Marcos

MANILA, June 17 (A.P.) — Claiming "renewed pride and confidence" with a resounding election victory, Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos today vowed a crackdown on grafters and Communist rebels.

But Mr. Marcos' major opponents claimed election results were being exaggerated, questioned his six-year mandate, and said the fight to end his rule would continue.

Mr. Marcos told visiting foreign ministers of the Association of South East Asian (ASEAN) states that the election signalled support for his foreign policy.

"It is with the deepest sense of gratitude and, understandably, some renewed pride and confidence that particularly today I speak for the Filipino people whose sovereign voice was made manifest in yesterday's election," Mr. Marcos said in opening the ASEAN annual ministerial meeting.

The 63-year-old Marcos, ruling since 1966, officially claimed victory in the election as unofficial returns gave him 86 per cent of the votes for a landslide majority.

Bomb theory...

(Continued from page 1)

"Clearly the action Israel has taken has increased the hostility of Arab nations, has heightened tensions in that regard," Mr. Stoessel said.

He said Syria and Saudi Arabia have also "made clear that the Israeli action has cast a shadow" over special envoy Philip Habib's effort to achieve a peaceful Syrian withdrawal of missiles from Lebanon.

But chairmen of House and Senate committees investigating the Israeli raid agreed today that Congress will not cut off U.S. aid to Israel because of the raid.

"I do not expect that Congress will take action against Israel,"

Mr. Hamilton said in an interview. He said an unconditional agreement that Israel violated by using U.S. aid, "and we are not for that."

Sen. Charles Percy, chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which begins tomorrow, agreed that U.S. aid to Israel will not be cut off.

But Mr. Percy said Israel will be required to make new concessions to get F-16 jet fighters that Congress has held up pending a report on the Israeli raid. Mr. Percy speculated what the concessions might be.

Haig arrives in Philippines to meet ASEAN ministers

MANILA, June 17 (A.P.) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrived in Manila today for talks with Southeast Asian foreign ministers which he said would focus on the problem of Vietnam and Soviet aggression in the region.

Mr. Haig arrived here following a four-hour flight from Peking where he disclosed the United States has agreed in principle to sell weapons to China for the first time since the communist takeover in 1949.

In Manila, he will attend the annual ministerial meeting of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), which includes the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

Although not ASEAN members, the United States and other nations, including Japan, are to

hold "dialogues" with the ASEAN foreign ministers Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Haig said upon his arrival at Manila International Airport that these consultations "will focus on the dangerous activities of Vietnam with the encouragement and support of the Soviet Union and, specially, it will focus on the situation in Kampuchea."

Mr. Haig has said previously the United States is working with the ASEAN members and China to withdraw its 200,000 troops from Cambodia.

He said that while in Manila he will seek to enrich myself with the views of the foreign ministers of the ASEAN organisation, "in preparation for an international conference on Kampuchea in New York in July."

Soviet air base near Kabul sabotaged

NEW DELHI, June 17 (R) — Afghan rebels attacked the Soviet air base at Bagram about 60 kilometres north of Kabul on June 9 and caused large scale fires in ammunition and petrol stores, Western diplomatic sources said here today.

They said that according to several accounts the rebels poured petrol into drainage ditches lead-

ding into the air base and set them on fire.

In the resulting blaze, large ammunition stores exploded, scattering shrapnel over the surrounding countryside, and Soviet jets at the base took off to avoid the fire, the sources said.

They said the main road passing the air base was closed for two days, during which other incidents occurred marking the anniversary of the death of a prominent local rebel leader, Abdul Majid Kalakani.

The sources said that in another incident on June 9, a ruling party militiaman was reported killed by rebels who shelled the governor's house at the town of Charika.

Eleven Afghan soldiers guarding the governor's house were reported to have fled and joined

the rebels, the sources said.

In a third incident on June 9, travellers reported seeing the burned out remains of 11 trucks near the Salang Pass on the main highway to the Soviet border, the sources said.

They said fighting also broke out last week at Pagan, the former royal resort town 12 kilometres west of Kabul, and rebels attacked Afghan troops at the Karga Dam on June 11.

A force of about 300 rebels fled from the area leaving several casualties after a column of tanks approached, the sources said.

Fighting had also occurred in Wardak Province west of Kabul where a large column including Soviet and Afghan armour attacked rebel positions in the Chak area.

Kremlin lashes out at Reagan for 'ignorance' and 'slander'

MOSCOW, June 17 (A.P.) — The official Soviet news agency, reacting quickly and bitterly to President Reagan's Tuesday news conference, has charged that the president "grossly slandered" Soviet policies and showed "ignorance" and "misunderstanding."

"He besmirched in every way the socialist system and grossly slandered Soviet foreign and domestic policies," TASS said. "Displaying his complete ignorance of philosophy and misunderstanding the historical processes taking place in the world, he even tried to sound like an oracle and predicted the speedy end of communism."

Mr. Reagan said at the news conference that "Communism is an aberration—it is not a normal way of living for human beings."

TASS, in a report from Washington by correspondent Yuri Levchenko, charged that Mr. Reagan, "striving to distract U.S. public attention from the irreconcilable contradictions of U.S. capitalism, which is going through a grave social and economic crisis... made special efforts to play down the growing appeal of the socialist system."

The Soviet report said Mr. Reagan "confirmed anew that the Washington administration intends to continue pursuing its dangerous course on aggravating international tensions."

Some of the president's pronouncements, TASS added, "were couched in the spirit of militaristic ideology now reigning in the White House."

Soviet spy ship on vigil for Trident missile sub

GROTON, Connecticut, June 17 (A.P.) — Crewmen aboard the Soviet spy ship Ekvator loll about the deck, work on their sunbats, wave at passing ships and play volleyball.

But their relaxed pace is expected to end today, when the Ohio, the first American Trident submarine, begins sea trials.

The 73-metre Ekvator is fully equipped with devices to enable the ship to listen to the Ohio's sounds as the submarine passes out of Long Island sound into the Atlantic Ocean.

Every submarine has a distinctive sound and the Soviets apparently want to zoom onto the Ohio's sound at the first opportunity. The sound signature will help the Soviet's identify the Ohio in the future.

Reagan honours Canadian envoy who got 6 Americans out of Iran

WASHINGTON, June 17 (A.P.) — President Ronald Reagan, saluting the "courage and ingenuity" displayed in the help Canada gave six Americans in Tehran last year, has awarded a congressional gold medal to the Canadian ambassador who masterminded their escape from Iran.

Kenneth Taylor, Canada's ambassador in Iran and now the Canadian consul general in New York, told the president: "We're very fortunate and we wish that, cherish, our neighbourhood relationship with you."

Salvador has nothing to report other than violence and killings

SAN SALVADOR, June 17 (A.P.) — Twenty bodies, many of them decapitated, were found throughout the country yesterday, the government said, and army anti-guerrilla operations were reported in five areas of the country.

No group claimed responsibility for the slayings and beheadings, but police said extreme right-wing groups are known to decapitate their victims — leftists or suspected leftists. Five of the bodies were found here in the capital, three each in the northern town of Aguilares and in the southern town of Zacatecoluca and the rest in Santa Ana in the north and San Miguel, in the east.

Four of the bodies were not beheaded and bore bullet wounds, leading police to speculate they were violators of the 5 p.m. - 5 a.m. curfew and were shot by the military.

Since the Oct. 15, 1979 coup that toppled rightist President Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero and brought the U.S.-backed civilian military junta to power, an estimated 23,000 persons have been killed in fighting between the military, right-wing terrorist squads and leftist guerrillas, El Salvador's human rights commission says.

Residents in the northern province of Chalatenango, for two years a guerrilla stronghold, said by telephone heavy fighting was going on between leftists in the small town of Arcatazo, near the Honduran border, but there was no comment from the government.

Elsewhere, the military concluded a 12-day assault on the volcano of Chenchontepec near San Vicente, 144 kilometres east of here and moved its forces to confront leftist guerrilla positions in La Union, 240 kilometres east; Morazan, 160 kilometres northeast and Cabanas, 100 kilometres north.

Special counter-insurgency troops were also sent to another volcano, in Guazapa, where guerrillas have resisted five government cleanup operations this week, the army said.

Final figures given by the army on the Chenchontepec operation, characterised by a defence ministry spokesman as "a success," said 225 guerrillas and 14 soldiers died during the operation, but the guerrillas said initially they lost only a handful of men while killing more than 100 government troops. Independent confirmation of the reports was not possible.

U.S. Navy 'categorically' denies Nimitz crash was due to drug use

WASHINGTON, June 17 (A.P.) — U.S. Navy Secretary John Lehman has denied categorically that drug use had anything to do with crash of a radar-jamming plane on the deck of the aircraft carrier Nimitz last month.

"I can categorically state that drug use or abuse did not contribute to the tragic crash," Mr. Lehman said in a letter to Representative Joseph Addabbo, a New York Democrat.

Mr. Addabbo has claimed that autopsies showed most of the U.S. Navy and Marine men killed in the crash of an EA-6B during a night landing May 26 had been taking drugs.

"There was no trace whatsoever of any kind of drug in the recovered remains of the air crew," according to a navy statement. The bodies of two of the missing marine crewmen were recovered.

Asked what the autopsies showed so far as the members of the deck crew who were killed, a navy spokesman said. "This is still under investigation."

In his letter to Mr. Addabbo, Mr. Lehman said, "I have personal knowledge of flight-deck operations and can tell you that these crews are well-supervised and superbly trained."

The navy secretary also said, "If an individual does not appear able to perform his duties in a professional manner, his supervisors will remove him from the flight deck immediately."

In addition to the 14 dead, 48 Nimitz crewmen were injured in the worst carrier landing crash in U.S. navy records dating back about 28 years.



Insurgents in El Salvador have stepped up activities

THE Weekend Crossword

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GO, MAN, GO!

By Martha J. De Witt

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